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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food"

To Whom It May Concern:

I urge prominent use of the words "irradiation" or "irradiated" in the labeling requirements for irradiated food. I urge, too, that all comments be posted on the Internet.

These words should not be removed OR replaced with "cold pasteurization" or "electronic pasteurization." These euphemisms convey nothing of the potential harm to those who may use irradiated foods.

Furthermore, the FDA should not be in the business of helping corporate America justify nuclear power, nuclear waste and nuclear by-products. As I understand your mandate, you are to be protectors of the consumers of foods and drugs.

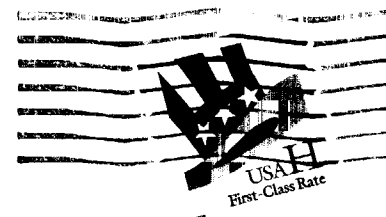
Yours truly,

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